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P R E F A C E

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator. The Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

20 March 1943

Personnel Situation

(1) In accordance with the decision of the State Defense Committee, the Oblast' Executive Committee in Stalingrad was ordered to mobilize 780 persons from the city and country population for work in NKRF enterprises in Astrakhan.

Umba

(2) By order of the Oblast' Employment Office, the following people from Vologda Oblast' are being trained: 70 people as ships' carpenters, 30 as locksmiths and 30 as coopers.

(3) In Umba there is a school for youth of the Timber Industry Combine. Procuring bedclothes, furniture and summer footwear is very difficult. Furthermore, the school lacks a capable faculty.

Food Supply

Kutaisi

(4) The Concentrates Industry reported that 8 tons of concentrates were manufactured.

Remainder on hand:	wheat	26 tons
	grits	14.4 tons
	groats	122 tons
	fat	1 ton
On 11 March there were		
manufactured		4.6 tons
Arrivals:	fat	5 tons
Remainder:	wheat groats	34 tons
	grits	15.3 tons
	groats	114 tons
	fat	0.1 ton

(5) The Oblast' Food Industry in Stavropol reported that for the manufacture of beer for March-April the following raw materials were required:

barley	500 tons
hops	10 "
paraffin	0.6 tons
rosin	0.6 "
saccharin	0.1 "

(6) Nalchik reported for the second quarter the following procurement plan:

meat	297.6 tons
milk	14,327 litre
Kolkhoz eggs	1,453 boxes

(7) The Azerbajdzhan NK for Fish Industry in Baku has to ship in March to the Supply Division of the Black Sea Fleet in Poti:

fish	175 tons
canned goods	35 tubes

(8) Stalingrad NKRF received:

cows	15 head
horses	20 "
breeding calves	35 "
young pigs	150

(9) Astrakhan NKRF "Volgatanker" is to receive from the Vodka Distillery in Astrakhan 100 litres of drinking alcohol.

(10) Ust-Usa is to request authorization for the pre-scheduled delivery of the following food, with the exception of sugar, confectionery products, meat and fats, from the Trade Commissariat of the Republic:

flour	macaroni
groats	salt
liquor	and other foods

(11) The Grain Procurement Office in Syktyvkar is to deliver 1 ton of fodder grain to Kanin-Nos in March.

(12) Uralsk NKRF is to receive 1 ton of fodder grain from Chkalovsk in March.

(13) Cherdyn NKRF is to receive 1 ton of fodder grain in March from the Grain Procurement Office in Molotov.

(14) Ufa NKRF received for March:

for Bashkir	10 tons fodder grain
including	4 tons scraps
for Tatar	2 tons fodder grain

(15) Ilijsk NKRF received 1 ton of fodder grain from the Grain Procurement Office in Alma-Ata in March.

(16) Rybache NKRF received 1 ton of fodder grain from the Grain Procurement Office in Frunze in March.

(17) Kambarka Harbor NKRF received 1 ton of fodder grain from the Grain Procurement Office in Izhevsk in March.

(18) Omsk NKRF received for March:

dog food	263 kg.
fodder grain	3 tons

(19) In the spring of 1943, according to plan, 240 hectares are to be sown.

including grain	140
corn	20
potatoes	40
vegetables	20
fodder	20

In addition, 150 hotbeds are to be planted.

(20) The Bureau of Meat and Dairy Sales in Novosibirsk is to deliver 3 tons of casein (III Brand) to the plant in Boborov.

(21) Irkutsk NKRF received for March:

clover	3 tons
dog food	300 kg.

(22) Krasnoyarsk NKRF received for March 225 kg. of dog food.

Material Supply

(23) Pechora Oblast' Waterways Directorate in Ust-Usa received from Krasnoyarsk 1 carload of lamp glass in March.

Gorkij

(24) 80 tons of trisodium phosphate are to be delivered to Gorkij.

Of these, Gorkij is to ship:

48 tons to the Upper Volga Steamship Agency
16 tons to the Volga Oblast' Waterways Directorate
16 tons to the Lena Steamship Agency

(25) Gorkij is to receive 2 tons of hawsers.

(26) In March 24 tons of varnish for ship repairs were authorized.

(27) "Teplokhod" is to ship 1 ton of manganese iron to the Moscow Metal Electrode Plant.

(28) 88 tons of sheet iron were delivered to the NKRF in Kujbyshev.

(29) Saratov NKRF received for the first quarter 7.5 tons of bronze, of which Gurev received 3 tons and Astrakhan received 4.5 tons.

Stalingrad NKRF

(30) Molotov received the order to ship to Stalingrad the freight stored in the nearby port without bills of lading.

Freight:

newsprint	4 rolls
photographic paper	6 packages
wrapping paper	1 roll
cotton	6 bales
cardboard	10 bales

(31) In April 4 carloads of oakum are to be received from Astrakhan.

(32) The following are to be delivered to the NKRF plant in Saratov according to the first quarter account:

cast iron scrap	102 tons
steel scrap	300 tons

Astrakhan NKRF

(33) "Volgatanker" is to receive 9 tons of household soap from the Fat Combine and from Saratov 15 tons of varnish for ship repairs.

(34) 20 tons of sheet metal are to be shipped to the Belaya Steamship Agency in Ufa.

(35) Uralsk NKRF will receive for March/April 1 ton of varnish from the C.D. for Vegetable Oils and Fats in Saratov.

(36) From the ships wintering in Gurev 2000 meters of chains are to be turned over to the Ural Steamship Agency.

(37) NKRF Omsk received an order to set aside 10 tons of roofing-sheet clippings.

(38) Irtysh Oblast' Waterways Directorate in Khabarovsk is to receive 1 carload of lamp glass from Krasnoyarsk in March.

(39) Amur Oblast' Waterways Directorate in Khabarovsk is to receive 1 carload of lamp glass from Krasnoyarsk in March.

Oil Supply

(40) The Chief Directorate for Oil Supply ordered that the dock of Vladimirovka NKRF ship the following fuels:

motor oil	1/4 tank
gasoline	1 tank
petroleum	1 tank
for Krasnovodsk:	
diesel oil	1 tank
Solyarka	1 tank
Received in March:	
Uralsk NKRF	
gasoline	0.1 ton
petroleum	0.4 ton
Rybacha NKRF	
petroleum	1 ton
Tobolsk NKRF	
petroleum	0.2 ton
Semipalatinsk NKRF	
petroleum	3 tons
ligroin	1 ton
gasoline	0.1 ton
Irkutsk NKRF	
petroleum	1 ton
motor oil	1 ton

Timber Supply

Barnaul NKRF

(41) The Chief Directorate for Timber Supply in Krasnoyarsk has to deliver 4 carloads of sawdust packing.

(42) In March Barnaul is to receive 4 carloads of sawdust from the Chief Directorate for Timber Sales in Krasnoyarsk.

(43) Ship Repair Yard in Bobrovsk will receive from Tomsk in April 3 carloads of timber material.

(44) Since Moscow NKRF cannot allot any firewood, Omsk is to guarantee requirements of the Inland Fleet from its own procurements.

Production

(45) The (?Central Directorate for Industrial Supply?) sent to NKRF Gorkij via Station Lyublino 450 combined castings.

(46) The plant in Vladimorovka NKRF has to receive 25 tons of spare parts and materials from the plants in Astrakhan.

(47) NKRF Astrakhan Ship Repair Yards reported the following planned production and repairs from 1 April for 1943:

	for "Volgatanker"	840,000 rubles
including	general repairs	300,000 "
	current repairs	380,000 "
	NKRF orders	140,000 "
	other orders	20,000 "
	other goods production	4,900 "

(48) Moscow NKRF complains to Chardzhou concerning the fact that repair work on the technical plants of ships is taking a very poor turn, especially because of inexperienced personnel, and demands the introduction of an eleven hour day.

(49) Moscow asks Semipalatinsk when the ice-saws would be ready and refers to the fact that the ice break-up will occur in a short time.

(50) Semipalatinsk NKRF carried out ship repairs unsatisfactorily.

Moscow demands that the winter orders of ships crews be completed immediately.

(51) Omsk NKRF received from Moscow for the second quarter the following shipbuilding plan:

	Tobolsk	1 tugboat	500 tons
	Chulpan	14 flatboats	100 tons
In June	Abasker-Dock	2 flatboats	100 tons
	Rechapovo	5 flatboats	50 tons

(52) Novosibirsk NKRF was ordered by Moscow to guarantee keeping the fleet in readiness and carry out an examination of repairs on 1 April.

Transport Situation

(53) A message from NKRF Moscow indicates that the Yaroslav Railroad Line has to ship 4 carloads of special packages in April to Moscow.

(54) The standard railroad shipments of the NKRF on the Perm Railroad Line in April will amount to 7 carloads of hemp destined for the Kama Steamship Agency.

(55) The NKRF requested the Tomsk Railroad Line to make 4 cars available to Izhakovo Station to ship material to the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency.

(56) In a message to Novosibirsk the Railroad Directorate was asked to place 4 cars at the disposal of Izhakovo Station for the shipment of explosives for the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency. Two cars are to be sent to Kulomzino and two to Tura. By a decision of the State Defense Committee, the transport of materials for ship repairs is to be handled in the same way as the transport of war materials.

(57) NKRF Omsk is requested by Moscow to promptly commission the Tomsk Railroad Line to supply railroad cars for explosives.

(58) According to an order of the Peoples' Commissars of 8 March 1943, the NKRF in Semipalatinsk is obliged to float 20,000 cu. m. of timber in the first half-year, from Irtysh to Semipalatinsk.

(59) The Steamship Agency in Krasnoyarsk, on order of the NKPS, is to receive 6 cars from Bogotol Station for shipment of oakum in the second ten-day period of March.